

TABLE 63-1

**Innovating companies, by effect of regulations or legislation on innovation: 2015–17**

(Percent)

Regulation or legislation	Companies (number)	Stimulated innovation	Created no major problems	Created uncertainty	Generated an excessive burden	Not applicable
Product safety or consumer protection	1,989,523	6.1	31.4	7.0	5.7	50.7
Operational and worker safety	1,989,523	6.5	38.4	5.6	4.5	45.6
Environmental	1,989,523	6.0	34.2	6.9	4.9	48.7
Intellectual property	1,989,523	5.1	32.6	5.0	1.9	55.7
Tax	1,989,523	5.1	27.5	16.2	17.4	34.9
Employment or social affairs	1,989,523	4.3	31.9	12.0	7.0	45.2

**Note(s):**

Detail may not add to total because companies could select more than one option. Innovating companies are defined here as those with product, process, marketing, or organizational innovation. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Business Survey, 2017.